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By The Editor

Someone has mailed me a copy of The Virginia Horsemen's News, published by the Virginia Horsemen's Association, at Warrenton. I was charmed with an article by Nick Saegmuller on the history of Virginia as the cradle of American thoroughbreds.

In the third year after Jamestown was settled, six mares and a horse arrived from mother England—but they met a sad fate. There was a tough winter and food was scarce—and the horses were eaten. But in 1611, Sir Thomas Dale brought in 17 horses and mares, and from then until 1649 there were occasional additions of good stock from England—and by 1688 a native breed of quality ha. been established in ample numbers.

Horse racing developed early. The streets at Jamestown were wide and furnished the track for races. However, a traffic problem developed—yes, there was a traffic problem back in early Jamestown, just as today in Appomattox— thoroughbred horses racing up and down the streets at Jamestown created a traffic problem, and women and children feared for their lives. Yes, it was something, long before the day of the automobile. And so by 1691, regular race coures were set up—and as the colonial forefathers fanned out over Virginia, race courses were built at Williamsburg, Richmond, Westmoreland, Northumberland, etc.

The Right Rev. Dr. James Blair is given credit for being the Father of the Virginia Turf. He was a powerful figure in colonial days. He was the first president of the College of William and Mary, second oldest college in America. There are some who claim that the Williamsburg Jockey Club, founded by Dr. Brair, is the oldest in America.

In 1760, Governor William Gooch secured favorable changes in the regulations governing the tobacco trade, and for several decades thereafter, there was great prosperity in Virginia. In 1730 James Patten brought in the first great thoroughbred, Bulle Rock, a bay son of Darley Arabian. Others followed suit, and Virginia horses became famous. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were among the competitors in horse breeding and racing.

There was a race course at Lynchburg shortly after 1830. Diomed is considered one of the foundation sires of American thoroughbreds. He was imported in 1798. He was the sire of Sir Archy, the first great American born stallion. His son was Sir Charles.—It s a fascinating story—to trace the family tree of the famous horses, and to see that the modern horses like: Zev, Ben Brush, Exterminator, Regret, Whirlaway, Alsab, Bold Venture, and Count Fleet had Virginia background.

A financial panic in 1837 affected the breeding of horses.

And the War Between the States broke up many of the racing courses and the dire days of reconstruction after 1865, caused the center of horse breeding to move westward to Kentucky and many of our finest horses were carried northward by victorious Yankees. But from 1870 to the present, there has been a revival of the thoroughbred industry in Virginia. Today it is a big business, especially around Fauquier, Loudoun and Clarke counties. Out of this modern period came such a winner as Sun Beau, a Virginia horse earning $376,744 in the period 1931 to '40. Another was Exterminator, starting 100 rac es during eight seasons, winning fifty, and placing 34 times, and earning $262,996.

Last year's winner of Horse of the Year honors was Hill Prince, a Virginia horse, from Christopher T. Chenery's farm, The Meadow, at Doswell. Mrs. Isabel Dodge Sloane's Brookmale Farm, just west of Upperville, during 1950 had 48 horses competing in races and they earned $651,399. It is a faboulous story—the hororoughbred horse industry in Virginia—now coming back into its own.

Communists oppose idea of European Army.

Total worth of state crops during the past year is estimated at $319 million.

State Troopers Are Needed; To Meet Applicants

Pursuant to the new employment program of the State Police, Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent, announced today that Sergeant M. H. Kent of the Department will conduct interviews with those persons interested in positions as trooper at the following places:

Appomattox Court House, Appomattox, Va., January 7, 1952, 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon;

Campbell County Court House, Rustburg, Va., January 7, 1952, 1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Amherst County Court House, Amherst, Va., January 8, 1952, 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon;

Bedford County Court House, Bedford, Va., January 8, 1952, 2:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.;

Lynchburg City Police Headquarters, Lynchburg, Va., January 9, 1952 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Applicants must have been residents of Virginia for at least six months and be willing to accept service anywhere in the state, although preferences are observed as far as is practical. High standards are from 5 ft. 10 ins. to 6 ft. 4 ins, and those of weight from 160 to 220 pounds, however both height weight are required to be proportionate within these limits. The applicant must be between the age of 21—29 inclusive and possess a high school education or its equivalent, and will undergo a thorough investigation as to qualifications, character and reputation.

Official applications can be secured at the interview site and those qualified applicants will later be given a written examination which will require approximately three hours. This will consist of police adaptation tests and tests for general information and ability.

If accepted, the applicant immediately receives full pay as a trooper and will later attend the Department's Basic Training School in Richmond. All uniforms and equipment are furnished and issues are made upon employment.

Starting salary is $2,820 which can be raised in progressive steps to $3,336 in four and one-half years. Sergeant Kent will be available for more detailed information and discussions.

VA. FISH HATCHERIES SPRINGING UP

According to Dean Rosebery, assistant chief of the fish division of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, a six-months study of Virginia impounded waters and waters to be impounded, has indicated that the right species of fish are already in the river systems feeding the impoundments, and that the fish reproduction takes place at such a phenonmenal rate that no stocking is ever necessary. The entire fish at hatchery out-put in Virginia would have little if any effect upon the fish population of even one reseervoir, for the rate or reproduction is so great in these impoundments that each one serves as its own hatchery.

The study of the impounded waters of Virginia has been going on for six months, thus far, and should be terminated in the early part of 1953. The objective is to formulate a fish management program, after the study is completed, for all the impounded waters of the state.

Missing plane found, 14 of 40 on board still alive.

Severe storm hits the area of the Rocky Mountains.

NAVIGATOR

(From Informaciones, Madrid, Spain)

Overheard in an English yacht club:

"Where is Jim?"

"If he knows as much about sail ships as he thinks he knows, he must be sailing, but if he knows as much as I think, he is swimming."

DESERVING

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer)

"Tax Relief Sought for Middle Classes"—New York Times headline. We can't, offhand, think of anyone more deserving of it.

January Call For Physical Examination

The following registrants have been called for physical examination January 9, 1952, by the local Selective Service Board:

James Henry McCormick, white, Gladstone, Va.

John Walter Richardson, white, white, Route 1, Appomattox, Va.

Allen Edward Franklin, white, Route 1, Pamplin, Va.

Frank Cabell McCormick, Jr., white, Gladstone, Va.

Madison Junior Saunders, Negro, Route 3, Appomattox, Va.

Harry Lee Humbles, Negro, Route 3, Appomattox, Va.

Ray Welford Almond, white,Route 3, Appomattox, Va.

Arris Beryl Covington, white, Vera, Va.

Roy Warren Scruggs, white, Route 1, Pamplin, Va.

Erwin Taylor McCormick, white, Route 4, Appomattox, Va.

George Clifton Franklin, white, Appomattox, Va.

CAR WASHING PRICES

Seven local service stations and garages have announced a new rate of $1.50 for washing cars, effective January 1.

Leaf Markets Again Open

Demand that brough record high prices to dark tobacco growers in the pre-Christmas sales period, is expected to be resumed this week as the warehouses re-open.

Buyers were present yesterday for warehouse opening. It goes to a four-day sales week next week. The recent warm, wet weather has been favorable for preparing tobacco for the market.

Prior to the holidays, an average price of approximately $38 per hundred prevailed on the floors. Some 45 per cent of the crop has been sold.

CHANGES MADE IN POSTAL RATES

Changes went into effect January 1, 1952, in certain postal rates. It now costs two cents to mail a postal card. First letters mailed at a local post office of local delivery will also require two cents. All first class letters for rural or out-of-town delivery, will continue at the three cent rate.

Special delivery fees for all classes of mail, including air mail, are at the following rates: up to 2 pounds, first class 20 cents; second third or fourth class, 35 cents. Rates for mail weighing over 2 pounds may be secured at the post office.

SALARY SCHEDULE

A table of salary schedules announced by the State Compensation Board for Commonwealth's attorneys showed: for Appomattox County, $2,160; Buckingham, $2,500.

MARCH OF DIMES

A month's drive for the March of Dimes is now getting underway, and there is every hope that Appomattox County people will contribute a nice sum to this worthy cause. In recent years the National Foundation has responded generously and sent big checks to Appomattox out of its resources, following a polio epidemic here. The need continues, according to G. B. Buchanan, chairman, and T. DeWitt Evans, fund leader.

The 1951 traffic toll in America was highest in decade.

President may request U. N. action against Hungary for holding U. S. airmen released this week.

Heavier draft calls are expected during first months of the year.

Truman seeking to cut down on proposed military budget.

JOLSON'S WIDOW WEDS . . . Erle Jolson, widow of mammy-singer Al Jolson, eloped to Las Vegas with film producer Norman Krasna. It was Krasna's second marriage. The happy couple pose immediately after the ceremony in Las Vegas, Nevada. Krasna has produced several hits.

Hazel Moon Asks Aid For Mission

Miss Hazel Moon, of Spout Spring, is a medical missionary in Africa, and has served there for several years. Recently Miss Moon has written home that her supply of baby dresses has been exhausted. She invites people here to make some, in dark print, with long sleeves, for new-born babies at the hospital at which she is stationed. She is trying to present each African mother with one baby dress. It is suggested that local church organizations will desire to take this as a project.

Miss Moon's address is:
Miss Hazel Moon,
Baptist Dispensary,
Iwo Mission,
Nigeria, West Africa.

DANIEL B. JOHNSON

Daniel Baxter Johnson, 78, died Saturday in Macon, Powhatan County. Formerly of Appomattox, he had been ill for six months.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mannie Mann Johnson;four sons, Ernest Johnson, Powhatan; Bennie Johnson, Washington; Jimmy Johnson and William Johnson, both of Richmond; two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Brown, Washington; Mrs. Jessalyn Simpson, Pine Creek Mill; two brothers, Wesley Johnson and Charlie Johnson, both of Appomattox; one sister, Mrs. Lula Harris, Halifax; 11 grandchildren and eight great grand children.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 P. M. from the Liberty Baptist Church here, by Dr. V. W. Sears. Interment was in the family cemetery at Appomatox.

TIME FOR DOG TAGS

The office of county treasurer R. L. Burke calls attention that January is the month for the purchase of dog tags. The treasurer urges that this be attended to promptly.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR LESPEDEZA

Now is the time to prepare for the spring planting program for wildlife. The Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries will again furnish planting stock to interested landowners and sportsmen who are willing to provide additional food and cover for quail and rabbits by planting food strips.

According to Chester Phelps, game division chief, the following materials will be available for distribution: shrub lespedeza plants and seeds, serecia lespedeza seed, wildlife food mixture seed, and milo maize.

Applications for the free planting materials should be submitted by February 15. Interested groups or persons should contact their local game warden, soil conservationist, county agent, district game technician, or the game division in Richmond, and make their requests known now.

Big Three to press for a peace treaty with Austria.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year; payable in advance.

Appomattox is a growing town.

NOTICE TO LISTENERS

While Calvin Robinson is away on vacation, his two weekly radio programs over WWOD are being suspended. Upon his return he will resume his weekly broadcast of Appomattox news each Friday at 12:30, his "Country Editor" program at 7:15 P. M. each Friday. Mr. Robinson has been conducting these two programs for well over two years. Watch this paper or the radio listings in daily papers for the date of resumption.

Day Nursery Opened Today By Local Plant

Something new began in Appomattox yesterday, when the Appomattox Garment Co., Inc., opened a nursery school for the use of the small children of its employees. The nursery is being held in the American Legion building, under the supervision of Mrs. Norman Garrett, a nurse. This week the nursery will operate three days, but hereafter is to run five days a week. Employees may bring children, ages 3 - 6, to the nursery at 7:15 A. M., and they will be ready to return home each afternoon at the time of closing of the factory.

A flat fee, by the day or by the week, will cover all charges, including the noon meal. Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. Howard Kerr recently visited school nurseries in Lynchburg, gathering suggestions for use here.

It is hoped that this nursery will make it more convenient for ladies to accept employment at the local factory, and at the same time will have real educational value for the children.

$16, 130 Spent Here by Polio Fund in 1951

The Appomattox County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis spent $16,130.95 to assist a total of twelve polio patients last year, it was revealed today by George B. Buchanan, Chapter chairman.

Making public the 1951 financial report of Mrs. Joel W. Flood, chapter treasurer, Mr. Buchanan declared that services made possible through funds raised in the 1951 March of Dimes underlined the need for a successful 1952 drive.

"The record of what has been done makes us all eager to continue and to expand this work as needed," he said. "Unfortunately, even if we had no cases of infantile paralysis in our county in 1952, there remains much to be done for patients stricken before 1951. Of the twelve patients aided in 1951, all were old cases, none new ones. The toll of polio continues on into the next year or years."

The report showed that $16,130.-95 was expended for hospitalization of polio patients whose families could not afford full cost of care themselves. The sum of $32.55 went for administrative costs.

The Appomattox County March of Dimes last year raised $3,760.00, of which fifty per cent was retained for local services and fifty per cent sent to national headquarters for its scientific research and professional education programs, as well as emergency aid to chapters. The national office supplements local funds when high incidence wipes out local resources. During the year $13,925.-00 was received in emergency aid by the chapter, Mr. Buchanan said, and the chapter begins 1952 with $2,007.50 in unpaid bills.

BOARD SESSION

A special session of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday to authorize the state auditor to turn over the accounts of the county treasurer's office to the incoming treasure. H. E. Griffin did not stand for re-election, and Mrs. Rebecca Eldridge was elected last November, to take office on January 1.

Hopewell area is doubled by recent annexation.

Secondary Road Report Issued For Past Year

William C. Poston, State Highway Resident Engineer for Campbell and Appomattox Counties, at Appomattox, in an end of the year report on Secondary System accomplishments this week said that major emphasis in the two counties was placed on strengthening weak sections and improving maintenance on the nearly 1,000 miles of farm to market highways and bridges.

Campbell County has 556 miles of secondary highways, of which 275 miles are hard surfaced. Appomattox County has 388 miles, of which 58 are hard surfaced. Many of the hard surfaced miles annually require a new bitumious surface at an average cost of about $2,000 per mile.

Specific improvements in Appomattox during the year were: The construction and hard surfacing of four miles of Route 620 south of Evergreen, and one mile on Route 611, the Lime Plant road. Another six miles were established with crushed stone or gravel to a depth of six inches, and a new bridge was built over Wreck Island Creek on Route 611.

In Campbell County, 7.43 miles were hard surfaced on various roads, and 11 miles were established with crushed stone or gravel. On Routes 609 and 675, three new bridges were constructed; three old bridges were replaced by pipe culverts, and six bridges were strengthened with extensive repairs.

This inventory of the year's work again emphasized the No. 1 priority for the Virginia highway system as overcoming the obsolescence of bridges on the vital farm to market routes over which school buses and mail services also are maintained.

But the problem of checking deterioration and failure of secondary bridges has been complicated by a 150 per cent increase in the cost of all bridge construction since 1941, by the critical shortage of steel, and by the limited funds available each year for replacement and strengthening, State Highway Bridge Engineer William R. Glidden pointed out in a division report.

CAPT. O. L. EVANS KILLED IN CRASH

Captain Otto L. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Whitney Evans, of Appomattox, was one of two Army captains who perished Friday night when an Army liason plane crashed in a remote section of the Ouachita National Forest, Arkansas. Reports said the plane crashed and burned at a point about 35 miles northwest of Hot Springs.

Captain Evans was born at Nanuna 29 years ago. He was a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.

He is survived by his parents, his wife and yo-- son, who reside at Opelika, Ala.; and four brothers, Dr. C. W. Evans, of Columbus, Ga.; Dr. J. W. Evans, of Carthage, Tenn.; A. E. Evans, of Jackson, Miss., and W. R. Evans, of Richmond.

His parents went from Appomattox to attend the funeral.

SEAL SALE LAGS

The sale of Christmas Seals is lagging behind that of last year, it was reported today. Sales last year were $544.09. This year to date the total is $329.00. The T. B. Association urges support of this drive, and that money for seal sales be turned in promptly.

Renew your subscription.

January 15 deadline for filing farm practice reports.

NOTICE TO READERS

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson, on a long awaited vacation, the Times-Virginian is being printed by Mr. "Billy" Evans, Mrs. G. L. Doss and our regular staff of correspondents. In event it becomes necessary during this period to limit some news copy, we ask your indulgence, which will help in enabling the editor and his wife to take one of their rare vacations. Advertising copy will be handled as usual.